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Mayor talks about his hopes for 2017

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THE Mayor of Axminster, Cllr Paul Hayward, **pictured right**, hopes that 2017 will see random acts of kindness throughout, and that each resident attends at least one town council meeting.

In his New Year message to the town residents he also spoke of the stresses and pressures caused by modern technology.

He said: "Yet another year passes, with happiness for some, sadness for others, but for us all a sense that the pace of life seems to move ever faster each year with technology, that we only dreamed of a decade ago, now available to us all.

"Machines, appliances, and gadgets: these things were designed and created to supposedly free us from the daily drudge and allow more spare time, more recreation, more fun but instead they appear to have just created more work, more stress, more pressure on our already busy lives.

"And often, after a busy day, all you want to do is kick off your shoes, pop on your pyjamas and grab a glass of wine and relax in front of the telly... job done!

"I don't watch a great deal of TV myself but luckily I did catch a programme recently where HRH Prince Harry was discussing the charitable works that he supports around the UK and around the globe.

"Now, some readers may be staunch Royalists, others ardent Republicans, but there is no denying the truth in the message he broadcast – that everyone can do something for their community.

"You don't have to become a Councillor, or a full-on volunteer, or serve on a committee – you can help by doing the simplest and smallest of things; opening doors for someone less able, picking up some shopping for a poorly neighbour, posting a letter for someone in a rush, popping a bit of litter in a bin, cooking a few cookies for a youth group, holding a collecting tin for an hour. The list is endless.

"All of these actions are small in isolation, but collectively they make a huge difference to our community as a whole.

"I know that many of you – probably most of you – reading this do a great amount already, and for that, may I thank you on behalf of the entire town for your generosity and kindness but it bears repeating that doing such things not only helps the recipient, they help us all to understand that we are all here together, and that by working

together, and helping each other as a matter of course, we can all benefit from that, day in, day out.

"By a happy coincidence, February 17th is National Random Act of Kindness (RAK) Day. Google it – it really exists!

"But, wouldn't it be fantastic if January 1st, January 2nd, January 3rd

and so on, were all RAK days in Axminster – 365 days of small, yet thoughtful, big-smile-on-your-face deeds and gestures that would fill all of our hearts with happiness, and joy.

"As mayor, and chairman of the town council, I believe that my overriding responsibility is to ask the public and residents of Axminster what they want from their town, from their town council, and work with my fellow councillors to develop and improve these services, encourage dialogue between community groups and to make Axminster the best place to live, work and play in East Devon.

"But, the town council needs to hear from you all, for we are simply your representatives and, as such, I invite all residents of Axminster to come along – even just once – to a meeting of council to say hello to your councillors, some of whom you might know, others perhaps not, and tell us what is on your mind, what we are doing right, what we are doing wrong, and help us to help you; not just today, but tomorrow, and next month, and next year, ten years from now...

"Thank you. On behalf of the town council and our staff, may I wish you all a very happy, healthy, peaceful, prosperous New Year."



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DEVOLUTION NEWS

Heart of the South West: Golden Triangle will have 'no impact' on plans

THE partnership behind the planned devolution of Devon and Somerset from central government has said that a possible rival partnership between the three large urban areas in Devon would have 'no impact' on their plans.

A 'Golden Triangle' made up of Exeter, Torbay and Plymouth was thought to threaten the devolution bid by Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Heart of the South West, made up of Devon and Somerset, but the LEP has calmed fears.

A spokesperson for HotSW said: "The Heart of the South West Growth Deal allocation is

anticipated to be announced early in the New Year, and we are confident that we submitted a high-quality bid to government.

"Devolution is led by the elected local authority leaders, and the Heart of the South West LEP is one of 21 partners covering the whole of Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay.

"Any separate arrangement would have no impact on the announcement of the LEP's Growth Deal allocation."

The Golden Triangle plan would see Plymouth, Exeter and Torbay councils create a single authority run by an

elected mayor.

The LEP Heart of the South West was created to lead and influence economic growth, job creation and prosperity across the Heart of the South West area covering Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay.

HotSW's mission statement is: "To reposition the Heart of the South West's profile and reputation, nationally and globally.

"Connecting people, places, businesses and ideas to transform our economy, securing investment in infrastructure and skills to create more jobs and enable rewarding careers."

Changes to dog control rules

EAST Devon District Council are inviting residents to have their say on new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) to encourage responsible dog ownership and a ban on feeding seagulls.

For years a number of Dog Control Orders have been in place in East Devon. They are legal controls, which exist to encourage responsible dog ownership in East Devon. At the moment:

- Dogs aren't allowed in some play parks and public gardens;
- You must pick up your dog's poo in all public places;
- Dogs aren't allowed on some beaches between May 1st and September 30th;
- Dogs must be kept on leads in some areas;
- One person can only walk a maximum of six dogs at a time.

A spokesperson for EDDC said: "The council has to incorporate all these existing orders into new Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) before the end of next year.

"While this process takes place it is considering making some changes and additions to the current rules. These changes are due to recent improvements, for example to some play areas, requests from town and parish councils and the Environmental Health Team's observations about the effectiveness of some existing controls.

"It is important that people voice their thoughts on the new proposed PSPOs so that they can be taken into consideration."

To take part in the consultation visit www.eastdevon.gov.uk/consultation-and-surveys/public-space-protection-order-consultation and get your reply in before before January 31st 2017.

Almost all of the dog controls have stayed the same

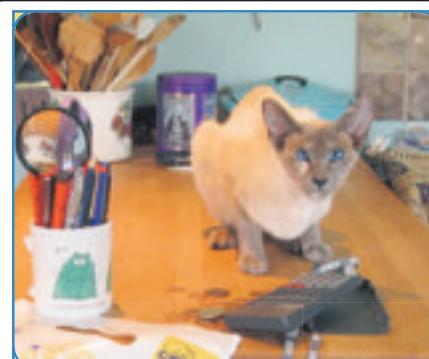
and have just been transferred across to a Public Space Protection Order. The main changes proposed are:

- Dogs must be kept on leads on the highway and on footpaths next to the highway. This is because loose dogs have been a hazard to vehicles, cyclists and walkers. One hundred percent of dog owners questioned in a survey the council carried out in the summer agreed that this was a responsible thing to do.
- Minor changes to the seasonal dog exclusions on two beaches. The council identified that more space was needed for families with dogs in Exmouth and this could be done without impacting upon a long length of dog free beach, and in Sidmouth one of the "dogs allowed" areas could not be easily and safely accessed; under the new proposals it could be.
- A ban on feeding seagulls on or near town beaches. This is because people using the esplanades, beaches and walkways are often affected by gulls stealing food or being attracted to people deliberately feeding them.

Councillor Ian Chubb, East Devon District Council portfolio holder for Environment said: "We have to change the Dog Control Orders into a PSPO and this is an important opportunity to improve the controls based on what residents, town and parish councils and officers are telling us. We want to know if you agree with what we are proposing, so please get involved."

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

from Tiverton & Honiton MP
NEIL PARISH



OVER the next six weeks, you will be seeing a bit less of me in Parliament and around Tiverton and Honiton.

That's because I've had a hip replacement operation.

In the last few years, I have had increasing difficulty with my right hip.

A full replacement operation has now become necessary to improve my mobility and ease my current discomfort when walking and standing.

The operation will require a recovery period of around six weeks, so I will be recovering at home in the West Country over the month of January.

I very much hope to be back and fighting fit in February.

My office will still be operating during my recovery so, if constituents have any questions or require any assistance, they should not hesitate to get in touch in the usual way.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and I look forward to getting back to doing the job I love.

NEIL PARISH

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

from Yeovil MP
MARCUS FYSH



AS 2016 draws to a close, we can look back over a significant year for South Somerset, the nation and the world.

Momentous events included the referendum on the European Union, where the nation voted to leave, and in the Yeovil constituency there was an overwhelming majority for that result.

The US presidential

election was also unexpectedly won by Donald Trump, leading many to think US policy may change significantly in various ways.

These events give the UK heightened opportunities and re-

sponsibilities, and I look forward to playing my part in encouraging our positive engagement with them.

Domestically and locally 2017 should be good for South Somerset.

Fuel duty will continue to be frozen, something for which I campaigned, helping small business and saving the average car driver £130.

I am also proud of the more generous business rate exemptions which will apply from April, and the continued raising of the income tax threshold.

It is also great to hear that Gigaclear has been awarded the contract to complete 100 per cent coverage of our area with full-fibre broadband, and look forward to examining the detail and encouraging BT to complete their part too.

Infrastructure improvements are under way, with important upgrades of rail services and infrastructure on the Exeter to Waterloo and Castle Cary lines progressing, although a Chard service is something I am still working to get into the programme.

The A303 and A358 dualling statutory consultations are under way on the first sections and funding is in place.

Skills and business development are things I am working hard to enhance on the back of these improvements and I am hopeful that I have succeeded in securing the funding to enable the Local Enterprise Partnership to enable a cutting-edge new aerospace technology centre in Yeovil.

I am also in discussions with multiple large and small aerospace and technology companies who wish to locate investments in our area to take advantage of local expertise.

We can be proud that in the social sphere our area has been recognised as a national pioneer in integrating health and social care to address the challenges of our ageing population, and I am also proud that funding for our local schools is also being adjusted upwards in the national formula, in many cases substantially – something I have campaigned hard for.

Happy New Year to all.

MARCUS FYSH

NEW YEAR MESSAGE

from East Devon MP HUGO SWIRE



2016 was a political whirlwind; Brexit was of course the biggest upheaval of them all, but there was also the politically motivated murder of Jo Cox, the election of the controversial Donald Trump and the terrible ongoing war in Syria.

Deep discontent with the status quo has been expressed at the ballot box and with hindsight we should have not been taken aback by this.

Parts of society have felt left behind by globalisation and people feel genuinely challenged as a result of technological and economic upheaval.

It is up to a responsible state to respond effectively but this does not mean we should accept bigotry or discard liberal values.

In terms of local politics, the Clinical Commissioning Group's proposals to close a number of hospital beds across East Devon and treat more people in their homes have certainly been controversial.

I am working hard

to protect the beds in Sidmouth and Exmouth but I have also called on the Government to impose a moratorium on the closure of beds until the recently announced fair funding review of social care is completed.

Until the social care system is able to cope with more people being at home, it does seem that we are putting the cart before

the horse.

In 2017 I will also be looking into fairer funding for our local schools.

It only leaves me to wish all of my constituents a happy and prosperous 2017.

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■ BREATHTAKING: The display has raised money for charity

Neighbouring Millwey homes put on stunning festive display

A FEW festive lights have snowballed into a breathtaking display outside two Millwey Rise homes over the last two years.

The Hembrow and Raymond families are neighbours and also responsible for the spectacular Christmas lights display which has generated more than £200 for the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at the Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital.

Wendy Hembrow said: "It started as a fun gesture with Nigel Raymond and Tom Hem-

brow (her son) in 2014. They added more in 2015 and people said 'Why don't you do it for charity?'"

Both families agreed it was a good idea, and Mrs Hembrow added: "After scouring car boots, sale sites and friends during 2016, we chose the Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU) at Royal Devon & Exeter Hospital because Nigel and Marie's son needed SCBU and myself and Ray have had experience of SCBU with five of our grandchildren in different parts of the

country."

Tom Hembrow works at ITT Industries in Axminster, and is very grateful to the company for holding a collection for the families' chosen cause."

The families are also very grateful to everybody else who has donated.

The total raised, including the ITT collection, stood at £250 at the time of writing.

Both families have plans for an even more spectacular display for Christmas 2017.



■ LIGHTING UP: Millwey neighbours Wendy & Ray Hembrow and Marie & Nigel Raymond with Tom Hembrow

Pair of TIC fundraisers bring in total of £370

AXMINSTER Tourist Information Centre (TIC) has benefitted from two recent fundraisers.

An afternoon making Christmas wreaths and table decorations, hosted by Cloud 9 Florist, was held in early December.

The mincemeat muffin refreshments were well received and the event raised £100.

In addition, a bingo evening in the Guildhall took place in early November raising £270.

TIC chairman Joy Raymond said: "We are particularly grateful to Axminster Carnival Committee for their help in setting up the bingo evening plus their recent donation to TIC funds."

Kitchen stove fire

THE fire from a wood burning stove spread to the cupboards and ceiling of a kitchen in Kilmington, near Axminster, but firefighters were quickly at the scene.

They were called to a property in Whitford Road just before 10.45am on December 27th, and a spokesperson for the fire and rescue service said: "We received a call from the occupier of a property who believed they had a

chimney fire. One crew from Axminster and one crew from Colyton attended.

"The crews confirmed a fire involving a wood burning stove which had spread to the kitchen cupboards and ceiling."

"The crews got to work using two breathing apparatus and one hose reel to extinguish the fire."

"They used a thermal imaging camera to ensure that the area was safe."

Annual Christmas tree festival at Hawkchurch



■ JEAN Ransford, Tony Winlow, Meeri Wallace and Imogen Wallace were pleased with the quality on show

■ LESLEY Harper's homemade cake impressed organisers and visitors

THE number of entries for Hawkchurch Christmas Tree Festival 2016 came to 43, eight more than in 2015.

Apart from the number of entries, organisers were also very pleased with the quality of entries.

The popular festival in St John Church lasted the whole week leading up to Christmas Eve.

It has been running for more than ten years and has made a name for itself not only in Hawkchurch but also further afield having featured on BBC South West's Spotlight in 2015.

Carols at The Minster

by Sydnie Bones

A MINSTER with a crib scene, a choir, children, musicians, traditional carols, a sense of joy and an opportunity for the congregation to join in with some lusty singing were all part of Axminster and District Choral Society's Christmas Concert in The Minster on December 17th.

The whole space between the pews and the altar was needed to accommodate the children from St Mary's Primary School, rightly recorded as 'musicians', and behind them the ranks of the choral society in their festive red and green scarves.

The programme opened with a chorus from Handel's Messiah, 'And The Glory Of The Lord,' which set the mood for the evening.

Much of the first half of the programme featured the children. The singers, all eyes on the baton of their music teacher, Rachel Burrough, gave a magical rendering of three carols including 'Away In A Manger'.

Orchestral players from the school provided two instrumental interludes – a delightful Christmas medley performed by a string group and an arrangement of 'The First Nowell' by a budding ensemble of wind instrumentalists.

The concentration and discipline of these young players, from a primary school, won much admiration from the congregation – and loud applause.

Before they left for home, the school singers joined the choir and the audience for an all-inclusive Silent Night.

Music director Peter Parshall made sure that there were magical moments too from the choir and organ. In between audience participation in 'God Rest You Merry Gentlemen' and 'Good King Wenceslas,' Peter-Lea Cox, fine musician and nimble mover from organ to piano and back throughout the evening, exhibited the full beauty of the organ with Bach's 'Fugue in G'.

Traditional and innovative settings added to the joy of the concert – Harold Darke and Walford Davies on the one hand, and a jazzy setting of 'Jingle Bells' ar-

ranged by David Willcocks on the other.

The concert ended as it had begun, with a chorus from Handel's Messiah. With 'For Unto Us a Child is Born' ringing in our ears, and fortified by wine and mince pies, we rejoiced in the knowledge that we don't have to go to the Albert Hall for an ideal carol concert – it's all here in Axminster.

A collection raised £214 for the Samara's Aid appeal to fund a doctor in Syria.

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Tesco's elves spread Christmas cheer throughout the community



TESCO staff at Ilminster went on tour on Friday, December 16th to present Christmas goodies to elderly residents.

The community-spirited staff dressed as elves and delivered a whole stack of gifts to residents at Hazelwell Lodge Care Home in Station Road and the Vaughan Lee House in Orchard Vale.

Tesco Ilminster's community champion, Helena Jones, said they had a brilliant time visiting the homes and giving the residents a good laugh.

Gifts included books, gardening tools, teddy bears, bed socks, perfume sets, aftershave, jumpers, flowers and chocolates.

Helena said the money had been raised in store and she would like to thank all the customers who donated to the cause.

Pupils pose questions to the mayor



BUDDING politicians were able to voice their views on their hometown when they posed questions to the Mayor of Ilminster, Councillor Val Keitch.

Pupils from Greenfylde First School and Swanmead Community School in Ilminster were joined by students from Wadham School in Crewkerne for the meeting with the mayor.

A strong theme to the questions was around play and leisure, with youngsters enquiring about the provision for play in the Swanmead Drive area and any plans to develop provision at the Recreation Ground or on Herne Hill with a walking trail.

The youngsters had lots of ideas and even tried to persuade the mayor on the benefits of geocaching.

As part of the afternoon, the Council Keitch set the children the challenge of imaging what they would do for Ilminster if they were mayor for the day.

All the children welcomed the opportunity to ask questions and thanks go to Councillor Keitch and town clerk Joy Norris for supporting this activity.

Fundraising gig for the Shed

TICKETS have gone on sale for a fundraising gig in aid of the second phase of the renovation of The Shed at Ilminster Recreation Ground.

Ilminster Cricket Club, which is giving the much-loved Shed a much-needed refurbishment, will be playing host to Torquay-based band Eat The Rich.

The fundraiser will take place at The Shrubbery Hotel in Ilminster on Saturday, February 4th from 7pm and there will also be a disco.

Tickets are priced £5 in advance or £7 on the night, and are available from The Shrubbery Hotel, Adrian Sims and Ilminster Cricket Club members.

"It's going to be a great night and there will also be a big draw as well," said a club spokesman.

The Shed is being renamed Ricer's Shed in memory of Ilminster Cricket Club legend Tony Rice who died earlier this year.

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Festive fair returns to Beer Parkrun turns into Santa run



▲ IT WAS all change this year for the annual Beer late night shopping Christmas fair and traditional switch-on of the lights outside the Mariners' Hall.

The fair was moved from the Mariners' Hall to St Mary's Church next door with the various stalls sitting snugly between the pews while Father Christmas and his helpers kept a watch-

ful eye on proceedings.

In the Mariners' Hall a children's disco took centre stage – once the carols were finished outside – allowing parents to enjoy a respite in the bar upstairs.

"It was a lovely evening and everything seemed to go off smoothly," said Woozie from Woozie's Deli.

MORE than 200 runners, most dressed in Santa suits or other festive garb, enjoyed mild temperatures on Christmas Eve for the weekly Seaton parkrun.

Seaton parkrun – a free to enter, timed 5k run for all abilities – takes place every Saturday at 9am from Fisherman's Gap.

A total of 212 turned up on Christmas Eve, taking the total number of starts to 936 since the first race a few weeks ago.

Co-event director Carol Austin praised not only the

runners, but volunteers too.

She said: "Parkrun depends on volunteers to make it happen and already 48 people have helped with marshalling, timekeeping and event processing.

"The essence of parkrun is doing something you love with like-minded people: being outdoors and active or just hanging out.

"Parkrun is a celebration of community.

"Everyone is welcome to run it, jog it, run/walk it, marshal, or cheer on the runners."



■ **SHOWING THE WAY:** Volunteers Angela Kerr (left) and Paula Cooke

Police appeal over graffiti

POLICE have asked the public for help with putting a stop to graffiti in Seaton.

PCSO Chris Bolsover said: "Graffiti has been appearing in a number of locations, including around the toilets in Marsh

Road, in the alleyway next to the Co-op store in the Underfleet, and in the look-out shelter on the Esplanade and the thatched hut on Castle Hill.

"The police are investigating these incidents of criminal dam-

age and would ask anyone who has seen anything suspicious or has any information to contact Seaton Neighbourhood Police Team on 101 ext 2531 or email seaton@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk."



■ **THE Friends of Axmouth Church** organised a two-week Christmas tree festival, named A Celebration of Christmas. Plenty of colourful displays were on show in St Michael's Church from December 10th–23rd. Pictured above are Mike Clement, Wilf Gribble, Carol Smith, Doris Clement and Ann Harding, who were all part of the organising team.

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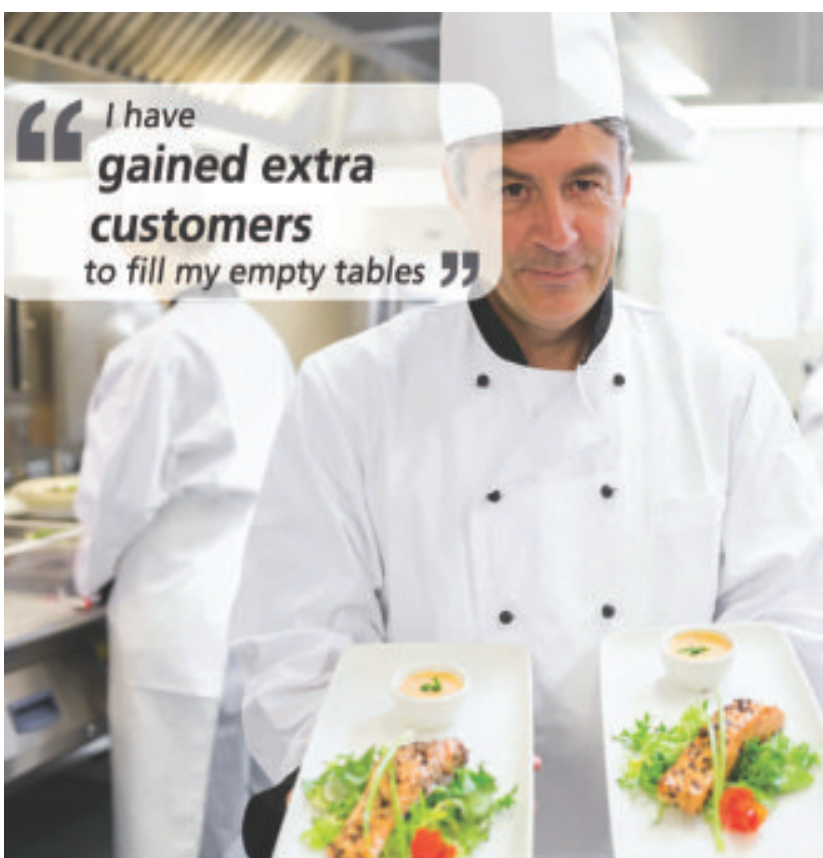
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Shop celebrates fifth anniversary

THE Churchinford and District Village shop continues to go from strength to strength and recently celebrated its five-year anniversary.

The shop, which optimises community spirit, sees 63 volunteers help run the popular outlet.

The shop was a finalist in last year's Countryside Alliance Rural Awards – seen by many as the Rural Oscars.

The prestigious awards recog-

nise those who go the extra mile for their community.

The shop has over 2,000 items in stock with many local suppliers ensuring that air miles are kept low.

A spokesperson for the shop said: "The adjoining community coffee shop has proved very popular, especially with passing cyclists as it's conveniently placed on the Lands End to John O'Groats cycle route.

"There is both indoor and out-

door seating, the latter purchased from income generated by the 'in-house' Book Exchange, as was the cycle rack provided for the many who visit via pedal power."

The shop offers free use of the community computer and wifi.

Chairman Nick Strange said: "It's a huge honour to be involved with such a giving, thriving community enterprise whose success goes from strength to strength."



■ SHUTE Parish Church was the scene for the local primary school's nativity musical, *Superstar*. Performances were given on December 14th and 15th, with the children pictured above during the morning dress rehearsal on the 14th.

Every little helps at Shute Primary

SHUTE Primary School has secured a bumper grant of £12,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help scheme.

By voting for the school, shoppers at Tesco branches in Seaton, Axminster and Honiton have given the school a huge helping hand with the grounds project, which aims to landscape the outside spaces at the school.

The next phase of the project will see the school plant, landscape and provide tiered seating in the outdoor theatre area.

The end result will be a space which can be used by all pupils and staff for outdoor learning, as well as music, dance and theatrical productions.

It will also be open to local community groups such as Shute Theatre and Arts Guild (STAG).

The first stage of the re-landscaping has been completed, largely with the assistance of volunteering parents and staff plus help from Bradfords and Axminster Tesco Community Champion Rob Cope.

This involved painting and improving the early

years unit (pre-school and reception). The building of the theatre, however, is a large construction project which will need to be done by professional landscapers and theatre designers.

Head of Teaching and Learning at Shute Primary, Clare Rinaldi, said: "This grant will be revolutionary for the school and community alike and will allow us to use the outdoor stage which is currently without any seating.

"We have a strong emphasis at the school on outdoor learning and this area will add a fantastic new dimension to this."

Elisabeth Miller, Shute resident, director and former chairman of STAG, said: "We are absolutely thrilled at the prospect of being able to put on outdoor productions.

"We have long wished to do so in Shute but faced the difficulty of lack of tiered seating. This project is a valuable addition to the community."

Anyone interested in the scheme can pop into Tesco in Axminster and speak to Rob or apply directly via the web site at www.tesco.com/bagsofhelp



■ PAY DAY: The cheque is presented at the outdoor theatre, which is about to undergo a revamp

Festive fun at Thorncombe shop

THORNCOMBE Community Shop's Christmas Open Day on December 10th saw tastings of festive goodies, hand-bell ringing, storytelling and singing by the Thorncombe Minstrels and Thorncombe Guitars.

Father Christmas took time out from his busy schedule to pay a visit, and the event attracted many visitors from near and far.

A delicious lunch of soup and apple tart was served, all made

from local ingredients.

Shop publicity officer Anne Johnson-Rooks said: "Watch this space for other events being planned for 2017."

"We thank everyone for their support."



■ TWO cheques for £1,300 each were presented at Chardstock Vintage Tractor and Machinery Club's Christmas meal at St Andrew's Primary School on December 10th.

The event was well attended by more than 70 members and friends. Representatives from the club's two chosen charities – Cancer Research UK and Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance

Trust – received the cheques.

Club chairman Robert Waldron said: "Thank you to all involved in making this and other club events a success in 2016."

Pictured, from left to right, are: (back row) Robert Waldron, David Moss, Denis Rockett, Les Harris, Simon Burrough; (front row) Philip Love-ridge, Janet Rowe, John Crew.



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The annual prizegiving took place for the Flower of the Month competition, the member with the highest number of points was Heather Cleall, and the member with the highest number of points for the monthly competition was Jean Donald.

A brief outline of the activities for the year ahead was given and there certainly seems to be something for everyone.

Regular walks continue, along with the newly formed book club and we are just starting a cinema group using the excellent facilities at The Beehive.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and new members, so if you would like any information please Google 'Honiton WI' or contact our secretary Mary Gubby on 01404 43997 or email honiton@devonwi.org.uk

The history of the 'Corkscrew'

THORNCOMBE RAIL ACTIVITIES

CLUB: Brian Jackson gave a detailed and entertaining history of the line known as 'Castleman's Corkscrew' when he visited the club on December 14th.

This was the first line to link Dorchester with the recently built London and Southampton Railway and was opened in 1847.

The line was promoted principally by a local solicitor, Castleman, to develop the local agricultural trade of Dorset and took a rather indirect route to serve the market towns of Ringwood, Wimborne and Wareham on its route to Dorchester, hence the 'corkscrew'.

The line was soon taken over by the expanding London and South Western Railway, who had hopes

of expanding the line west from Dorchester.

Poole was initially served by a branch to Hamworthy, from where a ferry to Poole was required.

Further branch lines were developed to Salisbury and Christchurch and eventually to Poole itself.

The line at Dorchester was linked to the Great Western line to Weymouth by a sharp curve outside the station, and Brian detailed the complex shunting that went on to reach Dorchester station up till recent times.

When the line was built Bournemouth was just heathland, but with the rapid development of the new resort there was a need to provide a railway service.

This was done by the building of a new line from Brockenhurst

across the New Forest via Christchurch to Bournemouth.

Eventually this line was extended to Poole to connect with the original 'corkscrew', becoming the present mainline to Dorchester and Weymouth.

Brian illustrated his talk with an amazing collection of early prints and later photos illustrating the development of the line and its linked branches.

He also showed details of the structures and workings of the route before outlining the gradual closure of the 'corkscrew' and its branches, leaving only the most recent route, the present mainline.

The next meeting of TRACS will be on Wednesday, January 18th when, following a brief AGM, Amyass Trump will give us 'A bit of Devonshire'.

A 'flying' start to 2017 for conservation group

AXE VALE AND DISTRICT CONSERVATION SOCIETY:

The society is preparing to get 2017 off to a flying start with two birdwatching events led by long-time member Ian Waite.

Ian, pictured below right, is well-known in the East Devon area for his commentaries on the guided birdwatching trips with Seaton Tramway on the Axe and Stuart Line Cruises on the Exe.

He is also one of the guides in the hides for the popular 'What's That Bird' sessions at Seaton Wetlands.

The events he is leading for AV&DCS will offer a great opportunity to learn more about the different species of birds found in the region.

The first event takes place on the Somerset Levels on Monday, January 9th from 10am to 5pm and will start at the RSPB's Greylake Reserve.

Ian explained: "There are hides there for viewing the numerous wildfowl and ducks with the possibility of birds of prey and other birds.

"We will go to the Natural England site at Shapwick to birdwatch there, and then on to see the spectacular starling roost at Ham Wall which is an RSPB reserve.

"You always get good birding on the Somerset Levels. On previous winter visits we've seen Bitterns, Marsh Harriers and Great White Egrets."

The second event takes place at Steps Bridge, Dunsford on the edge of Dartmoor on Monday, March 27th from 10am to 2pm.

"It's a good place for certain birds like Lesser Spotted Woodpeckers which are now a rare sight in Devon," explained Ian.

Ian joined AV&DCS over 20 years ago, and initially led walks and helped to raise funds for the society.

Over the years he has seen AV&DCS's programme of events grow, along with a number of conservation projects they have been able to support financially (most notably at East Devon District Council's Seaton Wetlands site).

He said: "People don't realise what's on their doorstep and that's why I like to encourage them. I just hope that people are enthused and develop an interest in the birds and their environment and as a consequence help protect it for future generations to enjoy."

Advance booking is required. Contact Ian Waite on 01297 20326.



AXMINSTER AND DISTRICT

CHORAL SOCIETY: Axminster and District Choral Society is looking forward to 2017.

In April, the choir will perform John Rutter's Gloria and the less

well known but delightful Messe en l'honneur du Saint Sacrement by Joseph Jongen.

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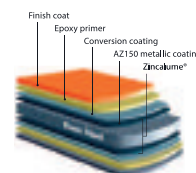
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Unfortunately throughout my life I have mistreated myself with foods I believed comforted me but in truth left me sluggish and somewhat hollow. I had been overweight through my late teen years and onwards. I never let anyone know how much this actually affected every part of my life, confidence, romance and health. Maybe I never truly admitted this to myself, it seemed easier to have another beer, pie or doughnut and get a few moments of joy, but moments was all it was.

I met my gorgeous wife 7 years ago - a fantastic and energetic woman. I will never forget our first

date, we decided to meet in Glastonbury and walk up to the top of the tor. Needless to say I puffed and panted all the way to... half way... and had to stop and get my breath back! Then I panted my way to the top. I remember thinking 'what must she think of me! I blamed the cigarettes as I smoked at the time (not any more) but it was my size that really kept me reaching the top without stopping. Thankfully this wonderful woman saw through the flab to the man inside, thank goodness. Claire never pushed me to change and I thank her for that, but I knew I had to get fitter to keep up with her. I slowly increased my fitness but there was always an excuse - work, nights out, etc not to drop my weight.

Slimming World supplied me with the final piece of the puzzle, diet! Not a diet (eat nothing but cabbage soup and a slice of cheese when you start to faint) - no - a balanced diet.

I work in the construction industry where real men eat real food (burgers, pints and chips) and "exercise is the only way you will lose weight"!!!! The idea that you should take care about what you put into your stomach was almost alien to me and the men I worked with.

As I said at the start I joined with my friends

Rainy and Liz. We soon joined the group's facebook page and started collecting and swapping ideas and supportive messages. The support from our rapidly increasing group was a great boost for me. I found the competition fun as well, who had lost the most, who had the best new recipe. I also found the groups really inspiring feeding from others experiences and knowing that you are not alone with the challenges that faced you in the week.

And guess what? I am still eating burgers and chips and enjoying my pints because I've learnt how to cook differently and to incorporate the things I love.

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Let us not forget the old wounds, that become difficult to at this time of year the loss of someone, far away or gone from your life, the reminders of how Christmases "should" be, is often difficult to cope with, when we do not all live in the advertisers idealised imagination, or the story book fantasy of childhood hopes and dreams filled with sugarplums and white snow, candy canes, and the Father Christmas who can afford the perfect gifts for all.

You will no doubt be surrounded by wonderful advice, about what to do, and how to do it to have a perfect Christmas, but if all you want to get through this time of year, without feeling angry or overwhelmed or just be able to lift the weight of the depression that seems ready to overtake at any moment. Michelle may be the person you need to talk to.

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BIN OR KEEP? THE 2016 WELLBEING TRENDS WE WANT TO STICK AROUND

by Abi Jackson, Press Association

WATERMELON - We all carried a watermelon in 2016. Well, those of us who got in on the emerging watermelon juice/water trend did. Yep, move over coconut water (not completely - you're still in pretty high demand), watermelon quenched our thirst and then some this year, topping up our vitamin and potassium levels and aiding in muscle recovery (thanks to its L-citrulline contents) in the process.

VERDICT: Keep. It's tasty, simple and a refreshing (no pun intended) addition to the, arguably over-saturated, 'healthy drinks' market.

HYGGE - OK, the fact snuggling up somewhere cosy and candlelit, with a soothing hot chocolate or glass of red, makes us feel good is hardly groundbreaking. But it was only this year we officially found a name for the cosy good life's happiness-inducing magic: Hygge. It's always been a way of life for the Danes, and this autumn saw it snuggle into our everyday vocabulary too.

VERDICT: Keep! Simple, feel-good and basically achievable every day. What's not to love?

SEAWEED - First came 'courgetti', and then 2016 saw an incoming tide of seaweed 'pasta'. There's a lot going for it: it's sustainable, easy to farm, highly nutritious, gluten-free and low-cal - if a tad salty.

VERDICT: Keep - BUT it's currently too expensive to make it onto our regular shopping lists (expect to pay almost £6 for a 100g bag, while you can easily get a 500g bag of real pasta for £1).

FLAVOURED NUT BUTTER - The nut butter aisles got a LOT more interesting this year, with palm oil-free brands like Pip and Nut bringing us delights such as Honey Cinnamon Cashew Butter and Coconut Almond Butter. Omega-3 and protein-packed

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VERDICT: Keep! And Pip & Nut have just announced they're launching 1KG tubs... Happy New Year!

CLEAN EATING - Nobody's really sure what it means... Is it just healthy, proper food all made from scratch, no additives etc?! But, haven't people been doing that for, um, ever? And does it only count as 'clean eating' if you post it on social media? Maybe we're missing something but, either way, it's smug, and ain't nothing wrong with a good 'ol dirty burger every once in a while.

VERDICT: Bin. #PleaseStop

WAIST TRAINING - The Kardashians could post selfies of themselves drenched in cow dung and somebody (read: many) would give it a go, so of course, when they start posting snaps of themselves sporting waist trainers - basically super-tight corsets - and even working out with them on, cue a flurry of copycat attempts to get 'waisted'.

VERDICTS: Bin. Sticking the word 'trainer' in the title doesn't change what it is. A corset doesn't promote fat loss or muscle tone. It just squashes you (and your organs).

SAUNA SUITS - Always thought the priority with fitness attire was to keep you cool and comfortable during those sweaty workouts? Khloe Kardashian took the opposite approach this summer however, when she shared snaps of herself working out in a 'sauna suit'. The clue's in the name: these 'sweat suits', as they're also known, are designed to make you heat up and perspire more.

VERDICT: Bin. Anything that perpetuates the idea it's OK to do daft things in a bid to lose weight fast is just not good. Plus apparently, it's just promoting water loss, which isn't the same as fat loss.

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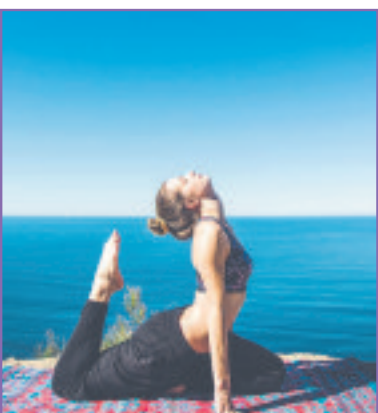
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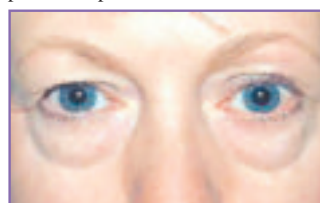


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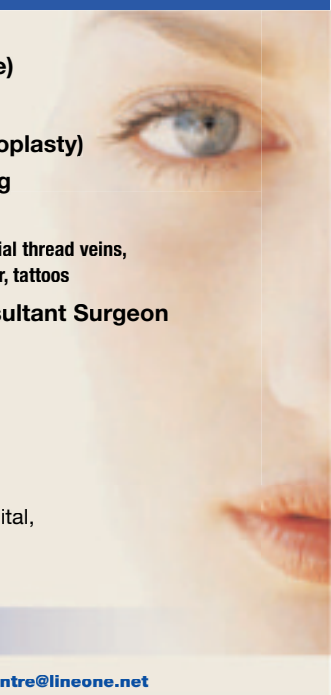
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WHAT a fantastic month of music we have just enjoyed at The David Hall! - four fabulous gigs, each performed to a sell-out audience!

On Saturday 3rd December we welcomed for their first visit (and it will not be their last!) the really talented eight-piece band, Police Dog Hogan. They quickly showed just why they are fast becoming one of the most sought-after bands on the circuit. Instruments that included guitar, accordion, banjo, fiddle and trumpet, mixed with great vocals, made this a performance that will long be remembered. This show was exuberant, accomplished, stirring and funny, blending country-fried heartbreakers, belting anthems and foot-stomping sing-alongs. If you missed Police Dog Hogan this time, make sure you get a ticket when they return.

On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th December Christmas really started for us with the return of St Agnes Fountain. "The Aggies" have been performing at The David Hall every year since 2005 and since 2010, for two nights each December. Hard to believe that they have now visited us 20 times and every single gig has sold out!

Chris While, Julie Matthews, Chris Leslie and David Hughes tour each December, performing rhythm-ed-up carols and Christmas music interspersed with laughter and spoken word. Once again their totally unique take on Christmas music impressed and charmed in equal measure. A really fantastic two nights that will be repeated in 2017.

On Saturday 17th we were entertained by Belshazzar's Feast. This duo comprises Paul Hutchinson (accordion) and Paul Sartin (fiddle) and their Christmas-themed show mixed Traditional Folk music, seasonal material, their usual touch of Classical and Jazz, plus a bit of Pop and Music Hall, all topped off with lashings of wry humour. This was one of the most entertaining nights I can remember at The Hall - every single person leaving had the broadest of smiles. Yet another memorable night!

December at The David Hall

closes with a New Year's Eve Ceilidh featuring Jigs for Gigs with caller Simon Maplesden. A great way to bring in 2017 in style!

2016 has been a very successful year and it is my job to make sure that 2017 is even better; and I can think of no better way to start the New Year than with the third visit by the legendary Blues performers, Paul Jones and Dave Kelly, on Saturday 12th January. At the time of going to print there are just a handful of tickets left for this event.

Founder members of The Blues Band, Paul and Dave's musical roots go way back into the true undergrowth of the Blues Tradition. As presenter of his BBC Radio 2 show, and as a thrilling singer and harmonica maestro, what Paul does not know about the Blues can be written on a pinhead. The same can be said about Europe's leading Bluesman, Dave Kelly. He has played with them all, including legends such as Howling Wolf, Buddy Guy and Son House.

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On Saturday 21st we are pleased to welcome for the first time the London based Folk band, Stick in The Wheel. This five-piece band is 'Taking the Folk Scene by Storm' and, in 2016, performed to packed houses at festivals including Glastonbury, Sidmouth, Cambridge, Larmer Tree and Beautiful Days. Four times BBC Folk Award nominees, their raw, abrasive sound and uncompromising attitude goes right to the heart of what Folk music is about. A band that is destined for great things!

On Friday 27th we welcome for their fourth visit the Scottish group, The Bully Wee Band, which was formed in 1971. These veterans of the British Folk scene are now undertaking their 14th annual tour. This is a band which, musically, has never stood still, and their recent material is just as strong and meaningful as their music of four decades ago. Performing a mixture of Traditional and original songs and tunes, The

Bully Wee band is proving they are still a force to be reckoned with on the Folk scene. Fantastic musicianship together with wonderful vocals will ensure this is yet another memorable gig.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and wish you all a very Happy New Year!

*Pete Wheeler,
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Further events at The David Hall in January

On Friday 13th January, Tangle presents: **Towards the Sun. Poems, stories and spine-tingling singing. This stunning performance is a theatrical anthology commissioned by African/Caribbean female writers and performed by Tangle in an ensemble style, complemented by a cappella songs. There will be a light Caribbean-themed supper before the show and a short Q&A session afterwards. Tickets: £14. Includes the show and supper at 7pm. Show only: £7 at 8pm. Please book performance/food tickets by Wednesday 11 January. Show-only tickets will be available on the night.**

On Friday 6th January, Petherton Picture Show presents **Golden Years**, starring Phil Davis, Bernard Hill and Alun Armstrong, and on 20th January, **Hunt for the Wilderpeople** with Sam Neil and Julian Dennison. Tickets: £5. No Concessions.

The David Hall's popular monthly Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 25th, from 10am - 12pm. Pop in for a cup of real coffee and a chat; look around the book and bric-a-brac stalls and listen to some live music. Entry is free.

On Saturday 28th January there will be a Music Quiz Night. Test your knowledge, enjoy a light supper - and raise money for The David Hall and Petherton Folk Fest 2017. Tickets: £6 including supper. No concessions. NB Advanced bookings only by Wednesday 25 January. Maximum four people per team.

Acoustic Night is on Sunday 29th. All performers have the opportunity to deliver for 10-15 minutes with full PA and lighting system. If you wish to perform, please email folk@chriswatts.org to secure a place.

A Tribute to Nina Simone



ILMINSTER ARTS Centre's concert on Friday, January 13th celebrates one of the most extraordinary artists of the twentieth century, Nina Simone. An icon of American music, Simone was a consummate storyteller whose music defined an era - and defied convention. She was a classically trained pianist who was revered as the 'High Priestess of Soul' but who regarded herself as a folk singer and who as an ardent Civil Rights activist became known for songs such as 'Mississippi Goddam' and 'Young, Gifted and Black' among others.

For this very special concert at the Arts Centre, acclaimed jazz singer Louise Parker will perform some of Nina's best loved songs, accompanied by the Matt Carter Trio (with the talented young pianist at the keyboard).

Louise been an admirer of Nina Simone's work for many years and she is well placed to perform this tribute. Growing up in a house filled with music, from the folk, calypso and opera enjoyed by her Jamaican-born mother to the trad, swing and be-bop that her jazz-obsessed father loved, vocalist Louise Parker, aptly named after Louis Armstrong, was born to create the soulful sounds for which Nina Simone was famed.

Like Nina before her, Louise Parker is a powerful live performer and a skilful interpreter of swing, blues and gospel classics. Combining a potent mix of funk and gospel, Louise blends an effortless rhythmic style with a sweet warm tone and daring scatting to create a performance which stirs the soul. Her voice has been praised by many critics, Humphrey Lyttelton among them, and Louise has also proved to be a big hit on the festival circuit and is a regular on Radio 2's Best of Jazz.

Come and enjoy a night of simply soulful musical excellence - advance booking strongly recommended.

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Diary Dates

TUESDAY JANUARY 3RD

AXMINSTER: Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at 10.00 for 10.30am in a private room at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington for a talk by Bonny Sartin of The Yetties and an optional lunch. For further details ring 01460 220528.

CHARD: Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk by Richard Kay from Lawrences' Antiques, entitled "An Auctioneer's 10 Commandments". Everyone is welcome to join us at 7pm. at Manor Court School.

CREWKERNE: Computer Drop-in at Henhayes Centre – Questions answered and help provided. 10.00 am to 12 noon, £2/£3.

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CREWKERNE: Henhayes Knitters at Henhayes Centre. Come and enjoy a knit and natter afternoon and make items for yourself or for sale at the Centre. 2 – 4pm

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4TH

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8–10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

SEATON: Yoga with a Chair. Free Taster session 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Gateway, Fore St. Yoga for EVERY body. Info. Yvonne 01297 20326

AXMINSTER: Our Local WW2 Airfields: Dunkeswell, Upton and Exeter. A fascinating talk by members of the Southwest Airfields Heritage Trust explaining the crucial role of these key airfields.

AXMINSTER: Christmas Bingo at Henhayes Centre – £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. Bar open, refreshments available, raffle.

COLYFORD: Women's Institute, 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Speaker will be talking about growing and using willow. More information from Elizabeth on 01297 624250.

THURSDAY JANUARY 5TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

EXETER: Adoption Information meeting at Kenn Centre, Exeter Road, Kennford, EX6 7UE, 6.30–8.30pm.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club meeting in the Baptist Church, Holyrood Street 7.30pm. The members will be trying their hand at photography lighting, modelling and macro work. Anyone wishing to join them can do so by turning up on the evening. Further details can be obtained from their website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk or by ringing the Temp: members secretary Mr Malcolm Brocklehurst 01460 68616

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre – 10.00 am to 11.00 am. £2.50 for members/ £3.50 for non-members

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CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 2–4.30pm at Henhayes Centre. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

FRIDAY JANUARY 6TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45–4pm. Tea and biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. For more details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866.

SUNDAY JANUARY 8TH

CHARD: The Church of the Good Shepherd Epiphany Sunday. Mass (sung) 9.45am.

MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

CHARD: Honiton Art Society Meeting. Watercolour demonstration by Lynda Kettle, Awliscombe Village Hall, 2 to 4pm. New Members and Visitors always welcome. Visitors £4

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7–9.30pm at Henhayes Centre. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY JANUARY 10TH

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CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £2.50 incl coffee per session. For people

Jim Moray presents Upcetera

MULTI-AWARD winning folk musician Jim Moray presents a live performance of his acclaimed album Upcetera. Accompanied by a 9 piece ensemble including strings, woodwind, piano, double bass and drums, he reimagines traditional ballads as dramatically orchestrated torch songs or a sort of English Fado.

For 15 years Jim Moray has been at the forefront of a new movement in English traditional music. His debut album Sweet England changed the sound of folk song and won a brace of awards for its innovative melding of orchestration and electronica. Subsequent albums embraced everything from grime to Johnny Marr-esque guitar pop, but at their heart was always Jim's unmistakable soulful and yearning voice; singing old songs in a new way. Upcetera heralds a new chapter for the producer and has received the best reviews of his career, including five stars from Mojo, fRoots and R2 magazines. He has



Jim Moray

also found the time to contribute three new songs to BBC Dr Who spin-off show Class, and launched his own Low Culture Podcast.

Jim Moray's tour in support of Upcetera comes to The Phoenix in Exeter on Sunday, January 22nd. For more details visit www.exeterphoenix.org.uk

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ILMINSTER ARTS CENTRE THIS JANUARY

THE new year gets under way with a stunning showcase of new work presented by the prizewinning artists of the Ilminster Open Competition. This much anticipated show features ceramic and textile artworks by the overall winner Jane Burden, sculptural assemblages by Peter Monkcom and botanical watercolours by Charo Ritchie (joint second prize winners), with 3D work by Sue Smallwood. Leo Davey, the winner of the 'People's Choice' award will also be returning with crowd pleasing landscape paintings, along with the Highly Commended artists, Sue Allen, Imogen Bittner and Gary Cook. The show opens on Tuesday 3rd and runs until Sat 21st. Another eclectic group show It's a Wonderful World follows on 23 January, and celebrates our beautiful world through artworks in a wide range of media and styles, including work by talented young photographer Oliver Hellowell.

You might want to clear your diary for Friday nights in January - we've got an irresistible line up of concerts! Mike Denham's latest vintage jazz SpeakEasy rolls into town on Fri 6th, this time with top clarinettist Mike Snelling to keep him company. On Fri 13th, jazz singer Louise Parker pays tribute to the magisterial music of Nina Simone, while on Fri 20th our Flying Folk session includes the Last Gasp Orchestra, Mitchell and Vincent, and Iain and Martine, a dynamic fiddle guitar duo from West Camel. Cementing the Arts Centre's reputation as a



with Abigail Willis

leading jazz venue in the South West 'three of the very best' mainstream/modern players come to play on 27 Jan. Joining sax players Dave O'Higgins and Geoff Simkins, and Jazz Award winning guitarist Dominic Ashworth on the Arts Centre stage will be the Craig Milverton Trio - which by our reckoning in fact makes six top notch players!

There are plenty of opportunities to get creative in 2017, with our new season of workshops. Come along and learn new skills or improve existing ones - we've got all the bases covered from watercolours, pastel pencils, acrylics, drawing, feltmaking, sewing, knitting, clay sculpture, rag rugging, and jazz jams! Or why not try one of informal untutored workshops? These are a lovely opportunity to work in a friendly and supportive atmosphere - choose from Clay Sculpture and Figure Drawing on Mondays or Art Group on Thursday.

If your new year resolution involves anything to do with volunteering, then why not consider donating some of your time and expertise to the Arts Centre? We couldn't function without our amazing team of volunteers, and there is always room for more - helping with exhibitions, concerts, and front of house, welcoming our many visitors. If you would like to get involved, do pop in for a chat, or give us a call.

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COLYTON: Planning meeting for Colyton's Historical Re-enactment Event – English Civil War coming to you on Saturday, June 10th. Find out how you can take part in this exciting community event. All welcome 7.30pm at Colcombe Castle, Colyton. Organised by Promote Colyton Group. Further Info 01297 552626

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 11TH

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 10.30am–12.30pm. For parents and carers of children (0–18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together.

Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers. New venue Masonic Hall, South Street, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

CREWKERNE: Bingo at Henhayes Centre – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm. £5.30 (£4.80 for members) for 6 books of 12 games.

THURSDAY JANUARY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Folk Dance Club 8–10pm at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. Every Thursday. Entry £2.50, but first visit free. For more details call 01460 77320 or 75760.

SEAVINGTON: Seavington gardening club – the Garden writer Sally Nex will be giving her first hand experience of "Behind the Scenes at Chelsea" The meeting will be held in Seavington Millenium Hall at 7.30 pm. Visitors welcome, £2 at the door. Details on 01460 929605.

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association will be meeting at their new location for their monthly meetings at 7.30pm at the Chard Rugby Football Club, Essex Close. This first meet of the New Year will be their AGM. The association invite any person wishing to join the association to turn up on the night where they will be made most welcome.

CREWKERNE: Physio Fit – 10.30 am to 11.45 am. £2.00 for members/ £3.00 for non-members.

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH

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SATURDAY JANUARY 14TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: 'Flix in the Stix' presents 'AN-THROPOID' (15), in the Hinton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

MONDAY JANUARY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness January Meeting. Guest Speaker: Paula Jackson on 'Divination By Tea Leaves'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm – 9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (includes Light Refreshments) Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019

CREWKERNE: Short Mat Bowls. 7 – 9.30pm. New members welcome, come and give it a try.

TUESDAY JANUARY 17TH

AXMINSTER: Cooking for One Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). 11.00am–12.30pm. Free healthy cooking demonstrations giving hints and ideas for cooking for one and covering nutritional advice for type 2 diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. New venue United Reformed Church, Chard Road, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Hannah on 01297 631782 for more information or email hannah@halff.org.uk.

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OUR NEW SHOWBIZ COLUMN

Lunch with Gary? What a way to start the New Year!

I DON'T think I'm the only one who is pleased to see the back of 2016 and I'm trying to enter the New Year with a new found vigour. This has been helped by an email I received on Christmas Eve to invite me to have lunch with Gary Barlow. Ok, I'll admit, it's not an intimate candlelit affair and another 50 people will be joining us, but never the less, it made me let out a squeal with excitement (and a bit of wee, but I think it's the age I'm getting to!). The lunch is to promote his new musical, *The Girls* and I'm among a small number of journalist who have been invited to watch a rehearsal, meet the

cast and interview both Mr. Barlow and his co-writer Tim Firth. The real *Calendar Girls* will also be there and the last time I met them they were an absolute hoot!

I'm also entering the final rehearsal stages for the pantomime *Robinson Crusoe* in Axminster. I'm looking forward to getting my beard on (no, I couldn't quite grow one in time!) and donning my special thigh slapping boots for my first local stage appearance in almost two years. You can't help but be affected (or infected!) by the exuberance of a young group of performers and Axminster Drama Club has an abundance of talented

actors, who will ensure the production will be an energetic experience.

Energy is something I could do with after the over indulgence of the Christmas period, but as a former aerobics instructor, I don't envy those who work in the fitness industry at this time of year. So many customers begin with high hopes of changing their lifestyle, only to fall foul of the couch again by February. I'm going to try my best to get back to fitness, so the next time you see me, I'll probably be rippling with muscles!

I did manage to squeeze in a couple of theatre trips over the last week in order to feed my

stagey addiction, which included David Bowie's *Lazarus* (bizarre and yet amazing) and the glorious *Wicked* (still spectacular), but otherwise, I've had a pretty quiet time and have enjoyed refereeing the teenagers (that's a lie, I haven't enjoyed it!).

Before my lunch with Mr. Barlow, I'm off to a new comedy club next week, which is situated in Richard Branson's Kensington Roof Garden. The venue looks beautiful, but I'm hoping it's not going to be too cold. I've also had an invite to the Royal Albert Hall to see *Cirque du Soleil* for the first time and I'll be watching a



Gary Barlow and Tim Firth with the cast of *The Girls* musical.

new play at the Trafalgar Studios about a terrorist attack in London (doesn't sound very cheery!)

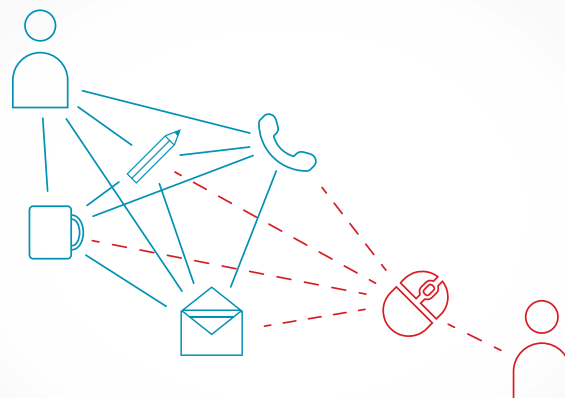
I'm also preparing my self for a flood of local shows over the next few weeks, as January and

February are the busiest time for amateur. I'm looking forward to seeing the Membury Merry-makers and Axmouth children's Pantomime, which were both excellent last year. Thomas Hardye School is

presenting the *Madness* musical *Our House* (which my daughter will be performing in), but sadly it's the same week as my panto, so I'll be missing out, but it looks like it will be one to watch.

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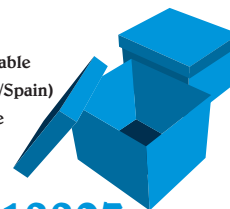
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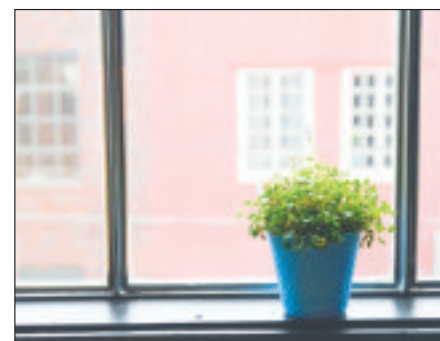
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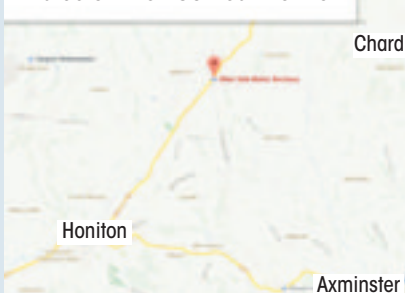
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Psychologists have shown a strong link between colour and

personality, with hues such as orange and yellow most popular with extroverts and satisfied people. According to the psychology website www.verywell.com* orange is a colour that brings to mind feelings of excitement, enthusiasm, and warmth, while yellow is cheery and also warm. According to the site's expert psychologists, yellow can also increase the metabolism, making it the perfect choice of cars for those looking to shed a few pounds ahead of Christmas.

But it's not only in terms of mood and cheerfulness that owners of brighter cars are better off, with studies outlining

some very clear safety benefits.

In the biggest ever global insight into the relationship between accident rates and car colours, a report from Australia's Monash University, Melbourne, found that orange cars were statistically least likely to be involved in an accident, with other light or bright shades such as yellow, white and silver also faring well. Black and grey cars, conversely, were considered less safe, with experts putting the higher accident rate down to the cars being less visible, especially in poor weather or low light.

Phil Webb, Head of Cars at Honda UK, commented: "The

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Barrington beaten by ten-man Beaminster

West Dorset side on top in incident-packed Coronation Cup final

Barrington 2 Beaminster 4

Coronation Cup Final

THERE can be no denying that Beaminster, despite playing for 25 minutes with 10-men after the dismissal of Shane Evans, deserved to lift the Coronation Cup at Axminster Town on Tuesday.

The West Dorset side looked sleek and carved out the clearer opportunities before a crowd of approaching 200 at a frosty Tiger Way Ground.

But Barrington manager Sid Brown was far from pleased with some key incidents which went against his team, he said: "Poor decisions cost us today. There's no doubt that they [Beaminster] had the better chances, but the referee got the big decisions wrong. The referees want respect from the teams but they need to earn it."

The game began with Barrington's Andy Whitefield volleying over the angle in the first minute, but from here it was the Rainbows who shined.

Evans should have given them the lead in the seventh minute but blazed his shot wide under challenge after a surging run from Robin Jones.

And Evans repeated the miss midway through the half having manufactured a yard of space.

Beaminster took the lead in the 31st minute when Beaminster's Russell Legg and Gary Warren climbed into a 50-50 block tackle just inside the penalty area.

Referee John Boulton pointed the penalty spot having deemed the Barrington man's challenge to be a foul. Rich Hebditch stepped up and slotted home

past veteran keeper Stu Parris for his

33rd goal of the season in just 13 matches.

The decision left Barrington stunned and on their heels when Man of the Match Russell Legg produced the classiest moment of the match – a sublime chip that gave Parris no chance just two minutes later.

Beaminster captain Murray Legg also crafted a third just before the interval but there was nobody on the end of his crossed that flashed through the six-yard box.

Another of the flashpoints occurred just moments into the second half when Andy Whitefield was tripped by defender Rich Runyard as he look set to burst through on goal.

Referee Boulton produced a yellow card to the dismay of the Yellow Hammers and their supporters. And just two minutes Runyard's fellow defender Dean Hyett was spotted kicking out at Guy Dare off the ball.

Linesman Wayne Ridout reported the incident to referee Boulton who once again decided on the yellow option.

The game was decided on the hour when Hebditch did well to hold the ball up with his back to goal 12 yards out before setting up hard working midfielder Tom Coggins to drill the ball in to the net.

Beaminster nearly added another soon after when centre-back Ryan Gall rose well to thump a header from a free kick against the crossbar.

Then game opened up in the 66th minute when referee Boulton showed Evans a straight red card after a two-footed tackle.



◆ 1-0: Prolific Beaminster striker Rich Hebditch (blue, left) gives Barrington keeper Stu Parris no chance as his 31st minute penalty arrows into the bottom corner.

Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Buoyed by this Barrington grabbed a lifeline when Hyett bundled over Sam Spurway and James Thompson stepped up to make it 3-1 from the penalty spot.

But the South Somerset's sides hopes ended a free-kick at the other end was sliced into his own net by full back Sam Hodgkinson at full stretch.

The scoring was completed in the 84th minute when Thompson's shot was parried by keeper Si Taylor and Andy Whitefield reacted quickest to tucked away the rebound.

But Beaminster saw out the remaining minute's comfortably and the 65-year-old trophy headed off to the Memorial Ground for the first time in 35-years.

Barrington, meanwhile, have to regroup having been beaten in both of this season's cup finals so far.

Barrington: Stu Parris, Sam Hodgkinson, Gary Warren, Simon Cherry, Tommy Butler (Capt), Mike Whitefield, George Hayward, James Thompson, Sam Spurway, Andy Whitefield, Guy Dare. Subs: Mike Towill, Dan Rolandson, Adam Gribble, Matt Brown.

Beaminster: Simon Taylor, Josh Baker, Rich Runyard, Dean Hyett, Ryan Gall, Tommy Coggins, Murray Legg (Capt), Russell Legg, Shane Evans, Rich Hebditch, Robin Jones. Subs: Ash Walkey, Jamie McClements, Talin Ford, Roger Cummings, Dan Pyett.



◆ GOAL: Andy Whitefield (10) slides in Barrington's late consolation despite the best efforts of Beaminster keeper Si Taylor and defender Rich Runyard.

Photos by HOWARD LARCOMBE

Robins and Tigers battle back for away wins – Blues on top in derby

Saturday, December 24th

ILMINSTER TOWN 2 COMBE ST NICHOLAS 1
Somerset League Division One (West)

TWO goals from Sam Rowswell helped Iminster Town end the year on a high as they came from behind to win a tight local-derby with Combe St Nicholas at The Archie Gooch Pavilion Ground.

Combe striker Liam Riste had a couple of early sighters but was foiled by a fine save by Iminster keeper Caspar Paine.

But it was Riste who broke the deadlock on the half half only for former Merriott Rovers midfielder Rowswell to square things up before the interval.

The winner came early in the second half and it was that man Rowswell to netted his fifth goal of the season with a fine free kick.

After the game Iminster boss Jason Manley was realistic in victory, he told [View Sport](#): "It was a really tight game, a draw would have been a fair result, we needed Simmo [Simmons], Darren Brown and Sam [Rowswell] on top form." Manley was also impressed by Tom Sullivan on the Saints' left flank.

Combe return to action on New Year's eve when they welcome Minehead AFC (2pm ko). Iminster's next match is on Saturday, January 4th when they entertain Por-

tishead Town Reserves (2pm) – at the same time Combe will take on Highbridge Town at Slades Cross.

Monday, December 26th

WINCANTON TOWN 1 CHARD TOWN 3

Toolstation League Division One – at; 134

THREE goals in the last 15 minutes saw Chard Town come from behind to clinch three points in Boxing Day's local derby at Moor Lane.

Wincanton took the lead in the 41st minute through Connor Williams after a shot had struck the Chard crossbar. But the Wasps had their sting removed by the late treble striker. Max Westlake equalised in the 75th minute from the penalty spot after the referee had spotted a handball.

Scott Martin edged Chard ahead three minutes later and James Boyland sealed the win the 83rd minute having just grazed a post.

Next up for Chard, now lying ninth, is the visit by Ashton & Backwell on Saturday, January 7th (3pm ko).

Chard Town: Jon Hill, Kieran Bailey, Alan Holmes, Shaun Wells-Burr (David Duarte 89), Pat Golden, Max Westlake, Jack Dicker (Luke Jackson 86), Brad Miles, Taufik Ben Salem, James Boyland, Scott Martin (Scott Jakeman 84). Unused sub: Ryan Mason.

Tuesday, December 27th

CREDITON UNITED 1 AXMINSTER TOWN 3

South-West Peninsula League Div One (East)

AXMINSTER Town put a dismal December behind them after coming from behind to bank three points at Lords Meadow on Tuesday.

The hosts grabbed an early lead and only a fine save from keeper Scott Wells-Burr prevented from doubling their lead which they deservedly too into the interval.

But it was Ax who held sway in the second 45. Elliot Dyer rose unmarked to head home a free kick midway through the half. Jon Hurford was then denied by the home keeper in a one-on-one opportunity but they soon took the lead when Chris Duchenski made no mistake from the penalty spot in the 79th minute.

The result was confirmed by Hurford who latched on to a Nathan Warren before slotting home with his weaker right foot.

Next up for the Ax is the local derby with SIDMOUTH TOWN on New Year's Eve (3pm ko).

Axminster: Scott Wells-Burr, Craig Every, Ben Clay, Chris Duchenski, Elliot Dyer, Aaron Daniels, Liam Cleal, Nathan Warren, Danny Clay, Jon Hurford, Tony Pinder. Subs: Brad-Lee Miller, Dan Galloway, Gary Macauley.

running axe valley runners

THERE was a bumper turnout of 212 for the Seaton Park Run held on Christmas Eve with many seasonal holiday runners taking part.

The race was won by Shaun Dixon of Highgate Harriers in 15:39, with Rhys Goddard of Sittingbourne Striders 2nd, 16:47 and Honiton RC's Kevin Hawker 3rd, 17:47.

AVR's Flo Swan was the first lady, 14th overall in 19:53.

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HONITON with John Pawley

THE poor weather meant that last week's Tuesday Mixed monthly Draw Greensome Competition was curtailed to 14 holes.

Of the 18 players who braved the cold and wet conditions Cathy Uttley & Mike Delaney took the honours, winning the Centenary Goblets with 26 points. Liz Wood & Paul Ritchie came a close second with 25.

The Seniors' Friday competition was a Three-Ball Better Ball with two scores to count at each hole. Peter Clarke, Kit Barker & Alex Neil emerged as winners with 71 points, ahead on count-back from Paul Ritchie, Larry Goodliffe & Tom Tunnicliffe.

John Pawley, Howard Pritchard & David Morris were third with 69 with the team of Alan Pollock, Bill Eaton & George Smith taking the last podium place with 66. There were five 2s; Peter Clarke on the 2nd hole, Alan Pollock and Ron Graham on the 4th, Eric Short on the 10th and David Pearson on the 12th.

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Ladies section played a fun Stableford competition on Wednesday, December 21st with an interesting twist in that even numbered holes counted as double scores – strange how the best scores all seemed to be recorded on the odd numbered holes!

In first place was Margaret Kenchington with 45pts, Jo Donmall was second with 43 and Sandra Walker was third with 42.

The Seniors played their Christmas match on December 23rd, the first division comprising of handicap 1-20 players. The winner was M Tomes (HC 19) with 29 pts. In second spot was N Povey (HC 17) with 28 and R Grove was third (HC 17) also with 28.

The second division match for handicap players 21-28 was won by L Morgan (HC21) with 27 pts, D Lacey (HC22) was second with 25, M Jamieson (HC 25) was third with 24.

darts round-up

A X M I N S T E R

Team: Dapper Darts 1-5

Vault A, The Swamp 6-0

Axminster Inn, Red Bulls

1-5 Lamb Shanks.

Team table

The Swamp5 10

Vault A6 10

Con Club5 8

Red Necks5 7

Axminster Inn7 6

Len Goodmans4 4

Lamb Shanks6 4

Dapper Darts6 1

Red Bulls6 0

Singles table

Vault A6 19

The Swamp5 18

Con Club5 14

Lamb Shanks6 12

Axminster Inn7 12

Red Necks5 10

Len Goodmans4 6

Red Bulls6 5

Dapper Darts6 4

(Kings Head - top).

President's Plate QF: Mup-

pets v DBST (Beaminster

SC), Odd Bobs v Admiral 6

(Merriott SC), Ugly Duck-

lings v Pinbusters (Kings

Head - bottom), Willy Low

Flyers v Football Club

(King William).

snooker seaton & district

RESULTS, Dec 20th;

Chard Casuals 5-0 Sid-

mouth Cons 1-0, Colyton

Feds 0-0 Honiton Wonder-

ers 6-0, Honiton WMC v

Colyton ExCons no result

reported. **Breaks:** Ben Pike

30, Steve Canniford 35.

Bruce Miller Cup

Wunderers7 39

Chard Casuals7 36

Colyton Feds7 29

Sidmouth Cons7 21

Honiton WMC6 19

Colyton TC6 18

Colyton ExCons6 16

Captain's Cup

Lionel Hawkins14 13

Julie Davis14 8

Hedley Hawkins15 8

Rita Freemantle14 8

Brenda Flood15 7

Mike Dent14 7

Julie Bath14 7

Maureen Pendrick13 6

Lorraine White14 6

Audrey Hawkins13 5

Steve Pettitt14 4

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AVR trio in top 20 at Wellington

THREE AVR's recently travelled north to compete at the Wellington Monument 10k.

The race started by the pub in Hemyock and continued up a pretty significant hill to loop around the monument and then back again.

The weather was near perfect for running and all three runners performed well. Recently crowned AVR Male Runner of the Year Terry Emmett finished in third position. He improved on his time last year by approximately 90 seconds to complete the course in 38:23.

Luke Reed had a rare outing in an AVR vest to finish eighth in 38:57, just under a minute quicker than last year. Matt Hewer came 20th in 41:32 and is starting to get back to where he was before injury temporarily stopped his running.

The race had 172 finishers each received a bottle of Sheppy's cider and, great at this time of year, the traditional mulled wine and mince pie.

There was double success for AVR's at the Seaton Park Run which was won by young Charlie Kendall in 18:52 with Taunton AC's Nick Daniels second in 19:05 and David Purchase third in 20:25.

Eleanor Wood was the first lady home, 12th overall, in 21:38. Meanwhile Patrick Devine-Wright was first across the line at the Killerton Park Run taking 17:59.



◆ LEADING PACK: (from left) Matt Hewer finished 20th, Luke Reed eighth and Terry Emmett 3rd in the 172 finishers in Wellington Monument 10k

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